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## **HEARINGS SET ON PROPOSED RULES FOR NORTH DAKOTA LOTTERY**

BISMARCK – Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem announced today that public hearings on proposed rules for the North Dakota Lottery have been scheduled for **August 13 & 14, 2003**. The hearings will be held in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot.

The purpose of the hearings is to provide any interested person, including potential players and retailers, an opportunity to express oral or written comment on the proposed rules. Comments may be submitted to the Office of Attorney General until September 15, 2003. After the hearings, the Lottery Advisory Commission will meet to evaluate the comments and make recommendations to this office.

The proposed rules were written to implement a new law that created the North Dakota Lottery and authorized the state to participate in one or more multi-state lottery games. The rules include: provisions related to advertising, criteria for selecting an applicant as a licensed retailer, retailer licensing procedure and fees, retailer criminal history record and credit report checks, retailer duties and sales commission, ineligible players, sale or gift of a ticket to a player, ownership and validation of a winning ticket, player's claim of a prize, and game rules related to Powerball, Hot Lotto, and Wild Card 2.

"Developing the proposed rules is one of many milestones that will be achieved to launch the lottery in early 2004. Creating and implementing the North Dakota Lottery is a complex and challenging process that, in the end, will ensure a highly successful, profitable business enterprise," said Stenehjem.

A copy of the proposed rules will be available at the public hearings, may be reviewed or downloaded from the Office of Attorney General's website [www.ag.state.nd.us](http://www.ag.state.nd.us) or requested from this office by writing or calling 328-4848 (local call) or 1-800-326-9240.

Public hearings will be held as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Wednesday August 13, 2003	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	BISMARCK Brynhild Haugland Room Ground Floor, State Capitol
	2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	MINOT Municipal Auditorium 420 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday, August 14, 2003	9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	GRAND FORKS Best Western Town House 710 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue North
Thursday, August 14, 2003	2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	FARGO Expressway Inn 1340 South 21 <sup>st</sup> Avenue

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